

# Arbor Heights' School Communicator

March 1, 2012



Communication for Our Community from "Your Principal"

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## Arbor Heights celebrates READ ACROSS AMERICA!

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child."

What better way to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday than reading to a child? Dr. Seuss epitomizes a love of children and learning. Also, his use of rhyme makes his books an effective tool for teaching young children the basic skills they need to be successful. When we celebrate Dr. Seuss and reading, we send a clear message to America's children that reading is fun and important.

The National Education Association is building a nation of readers through its signature program, NEA's *Read Across America*. Now in its 15th year, this year-round program focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources. NEA's Read Across America Day, NEA's national reading celebration takes place each year on or near March 2, the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

This Friday, March 2 will collectively recite the Read Across America Reading Oath and then the "The Cat in The Hat" will visit our primary classrooms. Please join us as we celebrate the joy of *Reading Across Arbor Heights* by reading your own favorite Dr. Seuss book to your child, Friday March 2. **Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!**

I promise to read  
Each day and each night.

I know it's the key  
To growing up right.

I'll read to myself,  
I'll read to a crowd.

It makes no difference  
If silent or loud.

I'll read at my desk,  
At home and at school,  
On my bean bag or bed,  
By the fire or pool.

Each book that I read  
Puts smarts in my head,  
'Cause brains grow more thoughts  
The more they are fed.

So I take this oath  
To make reading my way  
Of feeding my brain  
What it needs every day.

Words by Debra Angstead



Please join the Arbor Heights' Community the evening of March 15 (BINGO NIGHT) to learn more about how to support our efforts to modernize or rebuild our school!

**MARCH****Mar 5**

~Monday Morning Monthly Meeting 9:30am

**Mar 6**

~PTA Board Meeting 7:00pm

**Mar 7**~ **Early Dismissal 1:00pm****Mar 10**

~PTA Family Portrait Day

**March 13**

~Global Reading Challenge Semi-Finals (Downtown Library 10:30am)

**Mar 15**

PTA Bingo Night &amp; Bake Sale 5:30pm-8:30pm

**Mar 16**~**NO SCHOOL**~

Professional Development Day

**Mar 21-23**

~Secret Garden Book Fair

**Mar 22**

~Young Author's Day &amp; Parent Night 6:30pm-7:30pm

**APRIL****Apr 2**

~Monday Morning Monthly Meeting 9:30am

**Apr 3**

~PTA Board Meeting 7:00pm

**Apr 10**

~Class and Individual Picture Day

**Apr 13**

~Hawk-A-Thon K-5

**Apr 16-20**~**No School**~ **SPRING BREAK****Apr 26**

~PTA General Meeting 6:30pm

**Apr 28**

~PTA Spring Clean-up Day 9:00-12:00pm

**~From the PTA~**

~Has your family signed up yet for **Family Portrait Day**? Here's an opportunity to get affordably priced professional family portraits AND raise funds for Arbor Heights (\$25 of your \$35 donation goes directly to Arbor Heights). You'll also receive a complimentary 8x10 and low resolution digital file. Dates: Saturday, March 10th and Sunday, March 11th. Sign-up for your session with Amanda Nokes— [maxnokes@comcast.net](mailto:maxnokes@comcast.net) or 206-902-6324. More information can be found at

<http://arborheights.wikispaces.com/AHPTA+Family+Portrait+Day>

~Please join the Arbor Heights Elementary Community on Thursday, March 15th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm (no school Friday) for a fun filled night of pizza and Bingo. Return the **Bingo Night!** registration form with payment (for pizza and bingo) to school (classroom or office) by Monday, March 12th so we can know how much pizza to buy. Registration forms can be found at <http://arborheights.wikispaces.com/AHPTA+Bingo+Night> or look for a flyer via kidmail/backpack mail.

~Looking for a form or flyer that came home via kidmail/backpack mail? Look no further than the **Forms/Flyers** section on the AH website - <http://arborheights.wikispaces.com/Forms+Flyers>. This new section is a work-in-progress, yet hope to build it over time.

~Save your **West Seattle Thriftway** receipts! For every receipt we submit to them, Thriftway will donate 1% of the pre-tax total (excluding alcohol) to the AHPTA. Participation is easy and it's a great way to support Arbor Heights. Look for the collection box in the school lobby on top of the lobby showcase.

<http://arborheights.wikispaces.com/AHPTA+Thriftway+Receipts>

**A Young Author's Day Thank You to the PTA**

Dear PTA,

Early in February we enjoyed our visit with author Paul Owen Lewis. Students and staff both expressed excitement over how he inspired young writers, and everyone wished they had more time to spend with him. March 22, we will be wearing our new Young Authors' t-shirts while we celebrate the Book-It performance and our own completed books. The author visit, t-shirts and Book-It all happen thanks to PTA'S financial support. Thank you so much for the work that you do to help us provide these exciting and enriching activities to our school community!

Sincerely,  
Ann Dunbar, Young Authors' Committee